

SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SUPERFUND SITE, CHANNELVIEW, TX: The EPA has notified stakeholders for the site that a Community meeting has been scheduled for May 25, 2016. The EPA will notify the general public on the meeting within the next week. Last week the San Jacinto River experienced major flooding due to recent rains, however the river has now returned to normal levels. The PRPs conducted a visual inspection of the cap on Monday April 25, 2016; all of the Eastern Cell was under water and was not visible, but the majority of the Western Cell was dry and all visible portions of the cap are intact. The EPA will be performing a visual inspection of the cap next week unless the river rises again. The EPA Dive Team began an underwater inspection of the temporary armored cap on April 4, 2016. The Dive Team inspection was interrupted due to the river flooding and will be completed in May, weather permitting. The placement of pore water samplers at 14 locations within the temporary cap, surface water, fish tissue, and sediment sampling was also be delayed until flooding in the San Jacinto River subsides. Currently the plan is to start surface water, sediment, and fish tissue sampling next week unless rains forecast for this weekend result in additional flooding and delays. The PRPs completed installation of seven of the eight planned ground water monitoring wells and installed the passive ground water samplers, which will be left in place for about 2 months to reach equilibrium. The last ground water monitoring well will be completed as weather condition allow, potentially next week unless flooding resumes. The monitoring camera on the central berm has been repaired and is operational now; repair was needed because the batteries were not recharging possibly due to storm damage. Finally, deployment of the lighted buoys and barrier float system began this week with completion by next week, weather permitting. (Meyer, x6742)

